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(U) Camarillo – Police Arrest Man Suspected of Human Trafficking

(U) A man was arrested on charges of human trafficking in Ventura County last week after investigators said he forced multiple victims, including minors, to engage in prostitution. The investigation that culminated in the arrest of 31-year-old James Powell began when Citrus Heights police, attempting to locate a 14-year-old runaway, found photos of the girl being used to advertise prostitution services in the Camarillo area. Citrus Heights police notified the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, and deputies began searching for the girl at lodging establishments in the area. Deputies eventually located the missing 14-year-old, along with victims aged 17 and 22, at a hotel. Powell was arrested and booked into a Ventura County jail on two charges of causing, inducing, and persuading a minor to engage in a commercial sex act and two charges of human trafficking.

SOURCE: 31 March 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

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(U) Maryland – Cyber Attack of Insurer Could Impact Thousands of Members

(U) Baltimore – A cyber-attack of the state's largest insurer, may have exposed the personal information of nearly 7,000 members. CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield revealed last Friday that a phishing email opened by an employee could have revealed names, birthdays, and member identification numbers of up to 6,800 patients.

SOURCE: 31 March 2018, [CBS Baltimore](#)

(U) Maryland – Man Who Admitted to Helping ISIS Sentenced to Prison

(U) Edgewood – A Maryland man who admitted in 2015 to helping ISIS has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. Mohamed Elshinawy was arrested at his home in December 2015. He was the first person in the state to be charged for having ties to ISIS. Elshinawy, 33, pleaded guilty to the charges in August 2017. Federal prosecutors said Elshinawy conspired with others to knowingly provide material support and resources to ISIS. Elshinawy also received \$8,700 from a foreign company to be used to fund a terrorist attack in the United States, federal prosecutors said.

SOURCE: 30 March 2018, [NBC Baltimore](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Data of 2500 Patients Compromised

(U) Boston – Cambridge Health Alliance last Friday said that it has notified patients of a data breach that resulted in billing information for 2,500 people landing in the hands of an unauthorized third party. Officials with the healthcare provider do not know whether the breach was the result of an intentional hack, or whether the data was inadvertently made public. Some of the data contained healthcare billing information from 2013, which could include patients' names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, social security numbers, charges for health care services, and discharge dates.

SOURCE: 31 March 2018, [Boston Globe](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Mexico – Dozens of Central American Children Rescued from Truck**

(U) Mexico City – More than 100 Central American migrants, including dozens of minors, were found crowded inside a sweltering truck without food or water in Mexico in route to the United States, authorities said last Friday. The 136 migrants, from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua, were rescued in the violent southeastern state of Veracruz after 24 hours. Authorities said they counted 49 minors among the group, 13 of whom were traveling alone.

SOURCE: 30 March 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Seven Police Officers Die in Prison Riot

(U) Veracruz – Six police officers died yesterday from smoke inhalation after prisoners started a fire while resisting an effort to transfer dangerous inmates out of a prison in Mexico's Gulf coast state of Veracruz. Governor Miguel Angel Yunes said a seventh person died but it was unclear if he was an inmate or prison guard. Yunes said four highly dangerous inmates had been helping run criminal networks in the area around the La Toma prison, so officials had decided to transfer them to a maximum-security federal prison. When local police, in support of state police, went into the prison to get the four inmates for transfer, they were apparently ambushed by prisoners, who blocked their escape and lit a fire that suffocated six officers.

SOURCE: 1 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Nigeria – 15 Killed in Attack

(U) Maiduguri – A Boko Haram attack killed at least 15 people and wounded 83, a military representative said today, in the biggest strike since the government said it was in talks with the Islamist militant group. The military said the incident occurred yesterday and included gun battles between government troops and the militants as they tried to enter a city in northeast Nigeria which is the epicenter of a nine-year conflict with Boko Harm that has caused the deaths of more than 20,000 people.

SOURCE: 2 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Arrest Eight Bangladeshi Nationals**

(U) Laredo – Border Patrol Agents of the Laredo Sector arrested eight undocumented immigrants who are believed to be from Bangladesh. According to Border Patrol the arrests happened on 28 and 29 March when agents encountered two different groups of Bangladeshi Nationals illegally crossing the Rio Grande in South Laredo. A Sector Assistant Chief Patrol Agent says, our agents are arresting people from all over the world daily. Their intentions for entering the country illegally can only be determined after they have been arrested. The Laredo Sector Border Patrol continues to have the highest apprehension of Bangladeshi Nationals compared to other sectors.

SOURCE: 30 March 2018, [KGNS](#)

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